

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 26, 2016

Minutes

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Clark Room. Those present were Selectmen Nathan Brown, Luke Ascolillo, and William Risso. Selectman Claude von Roesgen and Town Administrator Timothy D. Goddard were not present.

At 6:32 pm a motion was made by Mr. Risso to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, §21(a) paragraph (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation involving Lyn Lemaire's Opening Meeting Law complaint dated July 13, 2016, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position, and to invite Attorney Tom Harrington to participate in the Executive Session, and that afterwards the Board will return to open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ascolillo and the following roll call vote was taken: Brown – aye; Ascolillo – aye; and, Risso – aye.

The Board returned to open session at 7:00 pm.

Community Input Council on Aging Director David Klein informed the Board that Carlisle resident George Lohrer recently passed away at age 88. David said many people do not know that Mr. Lohrer made several generous donations to the Town, specifically to the Council on Aging for the purchase of COA vehicles. David offered his condolences to Mr. Lohrer's family and friends.

Legislative update – Senator Michael Barrett

State Senator Michael Barrett was present for this discussion. Mr. Brown said there were a few things the Selectmen would like to catch up on. Senator Barrett said the legislature is concluding two years of a legislative session at the end of this month. He said they are trying to get through many bills, including two from the Town of Carlisle. He said these bills are still in the 'House' [House of Representatives] and if they make it over to the Senate, [they originated in the House] he was confident that they would get passed at the last minute. Senator Barrett spoke about the bill for double poling/assessing fees on the utility companies. He said there is great interest in state-wide legislation to render double poling illegal and to assess fees on the utilities. He said legislators are reluctant to assess fees town by town for fear that there will be a lack of uniformity however there is a general feeling that a state-wide set of assessments and fees will be established. Senator Barrett said the displeasure with the utilities is wide spread. He believed that legislation will move on this matter but he did give a specific date. In regard to the 'Recall' bill, Senator Barrett said this matter is approached by elected officials with a great deal of caution. He said this is a very rare proposal and perhaps the members of the elections law committee have hesitated for that reason. Senator Barrett added that Rep. Cory Atkins is working very hard to have both of these bills passed. He said if neither of these bills passes at the end of this legislative session (Sunday July 31st) they will have to be re-originated in Carlisle to be on the 2017 Calendar.

Senator Barrett spoke about local aid. He said there has been a steady increase in Chapter 70 School aid and unrestricted aid to Carlisle. Senator Barrett said there has been an increase of 3.5% in state aid to Carlisle over the previous year, which is over the inflation rate.

Mr. Ascolillo spoke about the yearly Community Preservation Act match from the State. He said Governor Baker put \$10million in the budget for CPA last year and he wanted to know if this would occur again this year. He added that the Town is likely to consider not continuing with the CPA because each year the matched amount has decreased

Senator Barrett said he was very supportive of the CPA. He added that about half the Towns in Massachusetts have not adopted the CPA. He believed that CPA is gaining more support and more Towns are signing on. Senator Barrett said if the economy continues to improve, more money will become available.

Senator Barrett thanked the Board for inviting him to this meeting.

Presentation by the Carlisle Energy Task Force re: Streetlight purchase project

Energy Task Force chair Deb Bentley spoke about their timeline [attached hereto] for the Management of the 2016 Green Communities Grant Projects. She noted that the Energy Manager will be leaving on October 15th so the committee, as a team is trying to get as many projects underway or completed before that time.

Deb said in regard to replacing the LED lights, the ETF has chosen AECON which is a larger company however the Town needs to purchase the street lights before any work begins on changing them to LED lights. She spoke about the armature on the poles. She said there are a variety of different types around town. Some of them were very old, dating back to 1947, while others had limited aging and little rust. Deb suggested doing a survey on the armatures while the lights are being changed and any maintenance can be added to the long term capital plans. In response to Mr. Brown, Deb said she did not have a price on replacement of the armatures.

Mr. Brown suggested informing the homeowners of the upcoming changes to the streetlights. He added that the Historic Commission would like to hear more about the streetlights. Deb said she will meet with them before any work is done.

Mr. Brown supported dimmable lights and wanted to know the cost for same. He asked about the Energy Task Force's decision to choose un-dimmable lights. Deb said through some research it was determined that the controls for these lights added 30% to the cost. Mr. Brown suggested using dimmable lights in certain areas in Town.

Mr. Brown said he was very supportive of this project and he wanted to make sure there were no unintended consequences. He asked the Energy Task Force to talk with the Historic Commission regarding the LED lights; find out the cost for the dimmable lights; discuss the location of dimmable and regular lights with Chief Fisher and the Safety Committee; and inform the residents of the new lights.

Deb said it is necessary for the Town to send a letter to Eversource informing them of our intention to purchase the streetlights from them. Once Eversource has received this letter, they have ninety (90) days to reply to the Town.

On a motion made by Mr. Ascolillo and seconded by Mr. Risso, it was unanimously **VOTED** to authorize Mr. Risso to direct Town Administrator Timothy Goddard to send a letter to Eversource, pending the response to the questions regarding costs.

Deb spoke about a sustainability policy for the Town. She said the Town of Carlisle currently does not have one and when the ETF has applied for grants they have been asked for one. Deb presented a draft document prepared and approved by the Energy Task Force outlining their future initiatives.

Discussion of draft charges for Dog issues and Deer Committee

Dog Sub-committee

Mr. Brown said based on the discussion regarding this matter at our last meeting, this will be a sub-committee and not a working group. By forming this sub-committee, the Board is not stating that there is going to be a leash law. He said at their meetings the committee will accept input from individuals, perform research and come-up with a proposal for the Board of Selectmen to consider. Mr. Brown said if a by-law is proposed, it will need to be on the Warrant for Town Meeting approval.

Mr. Brown said members of the committee will include two members from the community [a dog owner and a non-dog owner] and a member from the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Recreation Commission, Conservation Commission, and the dog officers. The committee will ask for input from the Police Department regarding enforceability if required.

Mr. Ascolillo said the charge included the following five items: public safety, animal waste, dog licensing, prolonged barking, and addressing the enforcement of the dog officer.

Public Input

Lowell Street resident Judy Hodges said in regard to dog waste, she firmly believed that the dog owner is responsible for the task of cleaning up. Judy said she works for the Town of Carlisle Board of Health and they have not received any dog complaints.

School Street resident Mary Zoll said she asked the Police Department about statistics relative to reported incidents with dogs. She said last year there were 85 complaints of dogs running wild and 5 reports of dogs attacking and biting a person, and 12 reports of dogs attacking individuals. Mary stated that this is a public safety issue.

Mr. Brown said he would like to set-up the committee tonight.

On a motion made by Mr. Ascolillo and seconded by Mr. Risso, it was unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Dog Control Sub-committee Charge. Mr. Ascolillo will represent the Board of Selectmen on this committee

On a motion made by Mr. Risso and seconded by Mr. Ascolillo, it was unanimously **VOTED** to appoint Luke Ascolillo to the Dog Control Sub-Committee.

Rutland Street resident Dave Smith said he would be willing to be on this committee as a dog owner.

Mr. Ascolillo said a letter will be placed in the Carlisle Mosquito asking for individuals to volunteer on this committee.

Mr. Brown said at the Board's next meeting all members will be appointed.

Deer Sub-committee

At the 2015 Annual Town Meeting Election there was a ballot question regarding bow hunting on town-owned lands. The question (3) asked, 'shall the Town of Carlisle request the selectmen to place an article on the next Town Meeting warrant to regulate bow hunting on Town-owned lands as an approach to deer management'. This question was affirmatively voted 350 to 90.

Mr. Brown said the purpose for the deer sub-committee is to research information regarding deer hunting programs from other towns and establish a proposed policy as to how deer hunting might be implemented in the Town of Carlisle. (Mission Statement attached)

Mr. Brown said that the work output by the sub-committee would be a proposed set of regulations that would be brought before the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, and the Conservation Commission for comment. At least one public forum would be sponsored by the sub-committee to discuss the proposed regulations with the public and to receive feedback for inclusion in the final version that will be brought to Town Meeting.

Mr. Brown said the sub-committee members will include the following: two (2) qualified bow-hunters, one member designated to represent the Board of Selectmen, a representative from Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Police Department, and one citizen's at large member [a total of seven members].

Public comment

Lowell Street resident Judy Hodges wondered what the premise was for deer hunting now, because

originally this was driven by the Lyme disease sub-committee. Judy said she prepared the brochure that endorsed the belief that if the amount of deer was reduced the rate of Lyme disease would go down. Judy said during that time she attended a forum in Bedford where an expert discussed this topic. This expert said that reducing the herds of deer would not bring down the rate of Lyme disease. Judy added that prior to this the Towns of Bedford and Concord said they were not going to allow bow-hunting for this purpose because there was not enough information to substantiate this as a solution to prevent Lyme disease. Judy noted that the deer population has gone down in Carlisle.

Mr. Ascolillo said originally this did not start as a Lyme disease charge. He said the Lyme disease committee pursued this issue and completely took it away from the Conservation Commission whose concern was the over population of deer. He added that if bow hunting is actually allowed, the Conservation Commission would need to evaluate this every year.

Rutland Street resident Dave Smith presented an article, 'Will Culling White-Tailed Deer Prevent Lyme Disease?' [attached hereto]. Mr. Smith said many studies on this issue indicate that if the amount of deer is decreased, the rate of Lyme disease will increase. This is because there would be more vegetation for ticks to live in.

Russell Street resident Phyllis Kanki, who is an infectious disease researcher said in order for reducing the deer population [to reduce Lyme Disease] to be effective, the deer must be nearly eliminated before any positive results are seen. A reduction will not significantly be effective.

Mr. Brown suggested that the Board not vote on the Deer sub-committee charge tonight. The Board discussed referring this matter back to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Ascolillo will bring this matter to the Conservation Commission's attention.

Mr. Risso said the townspeople voted affirmatively to do something about the deer/Lyme disease and he believed the Board should move forward with the Sub-committee.

Mr. Brown preferred to bring this matter before the Conservation Commission [meeting on Thursday] and the Board will discuss it again at their next meeting.

Town Administrator Report

1 E-mail from Zoning Board of Appeals Chair re: Long Ridge Road 40B ZBA chairman Travis Snell is encouraging all boards to attend the ZBA hearing on the Long Ridge Road 40B project on August 8th at 7:30 pm. to ask questions and submit any comments they may have. Mr. Brown said he informed Travis that the Board is willing to support him and the ZBA and that there are funds available to the ZBA for this process. The cost will be approximately \$20,000.

2 Conservation Commission appointment The Conservation Commission is recommending that the Board appoint Dan Wells of Woodridge Road, to fill the vacancy created by Tom Brown's resignation. Mr. Ascolillo commented that Mr. Wells, who is a wetland scientist will be a great asset to the Conservation Commission.

On a motion made by Mr. Ascolillo and seconded by Mr. Risso, it was unanimously **VOTED** to appoint Dan Wells of Woodridge Road to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

3 TSAC Recommendation for crosswalk signal locations The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) met recently and voted to recommend three locations for the new LED crosswalk signals approved and funded by the May Town Meeting. These locations were: Bedford Road at the Library/Fern's; Bedford Road at 142 Bedford Road; and School Street at Concord Street.

Mr. Brown suggested that the Historic Commission be consulted on this matter before a public session is scheduled.

4 Discussion of MAPC appointment Mr. Ascolillo suggested placing an article in the Carlisle Mosquito advertising for this position.

5 Salvation Army "Red Kettle" Bike Ride A request from the Salvation Army was made to conduct a portion of their September 17th Red Kettle bike ride through the streets of Carlisle.

On a motion made by Mr. Risso and seconded by Mr. Ascolillo, it was unanimously **VOTED** to approve the Salvation Army's request to conduct a portion of its' Saturday, September 17, 2016 'Red Kettle' bicycle ride in the Town of Carlisle with the understanding that they shall consult with the Police Department regarding traffic and roadway safety issues.

6 Carlisle Public School IT Surplus The Board reviewed a list of technology equipment that the School Department wishes to have the declared as surplus for the purpose of disposing it.

On a motion made by Mr. Risso and seconded by Mr. Ascolillo, it was unanimously **VOTED** to declare as surplus the list of technology equipment dated May 11, 2016 as provided by the School Department for the purpose of allowing the School's IT Department to dispose of it.

The Board discussed the agenda items for the August 16th Selectmen's meeting.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Brown said the IT committee would like approval to spend up to \$40,000 on the network infrastructure. He said there is approximately \$65,000 that is available for Technology this year. Mr. Brown explained how the money will be spent.

On a motion made by Mr. Risso and seconded by Mr. Ascolillo, it was unanimously **VOTED** to approve the spending of up to \$40,000 for the first phase of the network.

Mr. Ascolillo said the Cranberry Bog Agricultural Committee has met a few times and discussed ten (10) alternatives for the current situation at the Cranberry Bog. He said one alternative that was discussed was solar panels. Mr. Ascolillo added that they were not sure if this was a viable option because it could involve removing part of the land out of Article 97. The committee will discuss this and other options further during their meeting on August 8th.

Luke noted that any option will come with a cost to it.

Mr. Risso spoke about the reports made at the Financial Management Team meeting this morning. He said the annual Town audit will start on August 8th. The new Finance Director, Kerrie Colburn-Dion, worked at Town Hall on Monday (July 25th). It was noted that she will begin full-time employment on August 15th. The Town Accountant reported that she is working on unexpended appropriations.

Mr. Risso added that the new fire truck is being delivered within a month.

FY17 Board of Selectmen Goals

Mr. Brown sent the Board a list of Goals that were put together.

High Level Goals:

- 1) Sustainable Budget – develop a three-year budget plan, work with Finance Committee and Long term Caps.
- 2) Police and Fire – Excellence in Public Safety, maintaining the Call fire department
- 3) Master Planning Process – Support the Planning Board in this process
- 4) Supporting Schools
- 5) Environment – deer sub-committee and Cranberry Bog
- 6) Citizens Services - public information
- 7) Effective Board/Committee – working relationship/communication
- 8) Focus on Staff – working with the Personnel Board

Over-arching Goals: Mr. Brown said there are about ten over-arching goals. The Board briefly discussed the upcoming budgeting process and they agreed that it should start earlier than past years. The also believed it was necessary to assist Finance Committee in prioritizing items.

Mr. Brown said he would prepare an organized list of the above goals and present same at the next meeting.

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The Minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Margaret Arena

Also present for this meeting:

Council on Aging Director David Klein
Massachusetts Senator Michael Barrett
Energy Task Force chair Deb Bentley

Documents presented:

Carlisle Energy Task Force –Sustainable Policy
Carlisle Energy Task Force project timeline
Deer Sub-Committee Mission Statement
Review Article Will Culling White-tailed Deer Prevent Lyme Disease?